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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

July 18, 2002

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith information of which he is aware, which he believes may be material to the patentability of any claim and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) exists.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, it is not intended to be construed as an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b).

The Applicant has now received and encloses the following prior art references in connection with the International Search Report dated January 26, 2001, from the European Patent Office in the counterpart International Patent Application.

The prior art references are set forth below and on the Form PTO-1449.

US 4 314 581

US 3 967 811

US 3 133 722

US 3 576 309

US 2 757 969

US 4 535 970

GB 827 626

A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of documents not in the English Language.

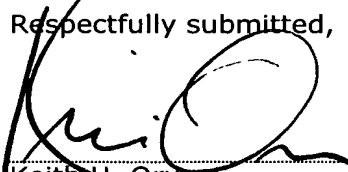
The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner give full consideration to the information disclosed herein, make it of record in this Application, and complete and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97, this information is submitted before the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits. No fee is due.

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

Authorization is hereby given to charge any necessary fees in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 04-2219. Referencing our Docket Number 13016.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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